

Senate Resolution 358

By: Senators Lucas of the 26th and Kennedy of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mercer University School of Medicine for its commitment
2 to higher education; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mercer University School of Medicine admitted its first class in 1982 and was
4 the first Georgia school to give rural medical doctors full tuition scholarships; and

5 WHEREAS, Mercer University School of Medicine is committed to educating physicians
6 for rural and underserved populations of Georgia as academically qualified students from
7 rural and underserved areas are granted preferential acceptance and the costs of medical
8 school are waived for students who return to rural areas to practice; and

9 WHEREAS, this phenomenal institution is a leader in the nation for physicians who return
10 to practice medicine in their home state and for students specializing in primary care; and

11 WHEREAS, Mercer University School of Medicine was chosen by the state to house and
12 direct the Georgia Rural Health Care Innovation Center and is home to the NIH Center of
13 Excellence in Rural Health; and

14 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
15 extraordinary medical school be appropriately recognized.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 recognize and commend Mercer University School of Medicine for providing a world-class
18 education and developing the medical professionals and leaders of the next generation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mercer University
21 School of Medicine.